# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Welfare of SC
Patole Shri Nanabhau Falgunrao

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has constituted a panel for the protection of Scheduled Castes and appointment of SC community in Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the various schemes like land for homeless SCs, bank loans for self employment, admission of Scheduled Castes students in the private universities etc. to be brought by the Government in the interest of the Dalits and the time limit in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has issued any directive/instruction through secretaries for providing higher education to Scheduled Castes and if so, the details thereof and steps being taken in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to include the people of other castes living below poverty line besides the Scheduled Castes for providing them benefits, if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a) and (b): No Sir.

(c): Statement containing details of Schemes for providing bank loans, promoting entrepreneurship and employment etc. to Scheduled Castes (SCs) are at Annexure-I. This Ministry does not have any Scheme for providing land for homeless Scheduled Castes. However, under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 (MS Act,2013) identified manual scavengers (who largely belong to Scheduled Castes) may be allotted a residential plot and financial assistance for house construction, or a ready built house subject to eligibility and willingness of manual scavengers and the provisions of relevant scheme of Central Government or State Government or the concerned Local Authority.

Under Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs, eligible SC students studying in private Universities, subject to parental income ceiling, can avail scholarships.

(d): The government issues directions/advisories from time to time for effective implementation of appropriate schemes to ensure educational development of Scheduled Castes.
(e): The Government is implementing several schemes for economic, social and educational empowerment of other castes, besides SCs as given in Annexure-II.